



# Weekly Family Newsletter

Monday 17th October 2022

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		F2 Big PE day Parent's evening (all classes)	Fantastic Finish—Fire Engine Visit Y1 Big PE day 3pm Pop Song and Dance After School Club	Y2 Big PE day Parent's evening (NOT Mrs Briggs's/Mrs Hipkin's class) 3pm Football After School Club	S20 Foodbank Donation Day 9 am Celebration Assembly
<b>And next week ?</b>	School and nursery closed	School and nursery closed	School and nursery closed	School and nursery closed	School and nursery closed



## Attendance for the week ending 14th October 2022:

Class	Attendance (%)
Miss Clewes	100
Mrs Hibberd	92.4
Miss Dale	98.7
Mrs Smith	97.7
Miss Briggs/ Mrs Hipkin	89.6
Mrs Timmons	95.2

Whole school attendance = 95.8%

## Dates for the diary

18th and 20th October  
(apart from Mrs Briggs's/Mrs Hipkin's class— just 18th October this week)

### **Fantastic Finish (Fire Engine Visit):**

19th October

### **S20 Foodbank Donation Day:**

21st October

### **School and nursery closed for half term**

24th to 28th October

## INSET DAYS

A reminder that school and nursery will be closed for staff INSET training days on  
**Tuesday January 3rd 2023,**  
**Monday February 20th 2023, and**  
**Friday May 26th 2023**

## Final week

This week is the final week of our first half term, which has been busy and full of lots of learning going on throughout the school. The children have settled into their new classes well, working hard and trying their best. We hope that they have a great half term next week; a chance to rest and recuperate, before we return to school on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October**.

## Goodbye

This week we have to say goodbye to Mrs Smith. We would like to thank Mrs Smith for all her hard work in ensuring that her class had a settled start to year 1 and we wish her all the best as she moves on.

We also need to say goodbye to Mrs Ellis as she leaves us after more than 12 years working at our school. We would like to thank her for her hard work and dedication over the years.

We also have to say goodbye for now, to Mrs Briggs, as she begins her maternity leave next week. We wish her all the best for this very special time and look forward to hearing the exciting news about her new baby in the coming weeks.

## Hello!

Whilst we are sad to say goodbye to some of our staff, we would also like to say hello to two new teachers who join us from half term; Mr Folmer will be replacing Mrs Smith to teach year 1 and Mrs Stanton will be replacing Mrs Briggs to teach F2. We look forward to getting to know both teachers next half term.

## Closing Gates

Please could you ensure that you **close and secure the latch on all gates** after you have used them. This will ensure that all our children remain safe whilst in the school grounds. If you see a child who is waiting to leave school through one of the gates, please do **not** open the gate for them, but wait until their adult appears and can supervise the child's exit from the school grounds.

## Parent's Evening - reminder

We are looking forward to welcoming you into school this week for our first parent's evenings of the year on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. These 10 minute meetings will be face-to-face and a chance to discuss how your child has settled into school this year. If you have yet to book an appointment please follow the links below.

If you are unable to use the links to make an appointment, please speak with the school office who will be able to make you an appointment.

### **CLASS 1 (Miss Clewes)**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-evening-class-1-miss-clewes-1820-october-tickets-430124131857>

### **CLASS 2 (Mrs Hibberd)**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-evening-class-2-mrs-hibberd-1820-october-tickets-430126880077>

### **CLASS 3 (Miss Dale)**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-evening-class-3-miss-dale-1820-october-tickets-430128996407>

### **CLASS 4 (Mrs Smith)**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-evening-class-4-mrs-smith-1820-october-tickets-430130912137>

### **CLASS 5 (Mrs Briggs/Mrs Hipkin)**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-evening-class-5-mrs-hipkinmrs-briggs-11-and-18-october-tickets-430140310247>

### **CLASS 6 (Mrs Timmons)**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-evening-class-6-mrs-timmons-1820-october-tickets-430143730477>

The meetings will be held in your child's classroom. For F2 and year 1 families, please wait in the cloakroom area outside your child's classroom. Please note that these areas are limited in size and so we ask that you do not arrive too early for your appointment in order to help us to minimise the number of people waiting here. For our year 2 families, please come into the school via the main entrance and wait for your appointment in the school hall. If you are unable to attend on these days, please speak with your child's class teacher or the school office to arrange a separate appointment.

While you are waiting, our cook has prepared some food samples for you to try. These are examples of the types of food your child gets offered at lunch time.

## S20 Foodbank

If you are able, please bring donations to school this Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October. There will be a collection under the shelter on the lower playground. Donations of the following items would be ideal

Soup	Tinned potatoes
Sponge puddings	Tinned meat (e.g. pies, corned beef, hot dogs etc.)
Custard	Tinned fish (tuna, salmon, sardines)
UHT/long life milk	Tinned fruit/vegetables
Rice pudding	Pasta sauces
Squash/juice	Curry/chilli sauces
Biscuits/treats	Tea and coffee
Crisps	Sugar
Toiletries (shower gel, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant)	Rice
Washing powder	Cereal
Toilet roll	Preserves (jam, marmalade, chocolate spread)
Nappies/wipes	Bags for life
Tinned tomatoes	Pasta
Beans/spaghetti in sauce	



Please note the foodbank are unable to include fresh or chilled foods in the parcels. They welcome dried or tinned foods.

## Fantastic Finish

We are looking forward this week to our 'Fantastic Finish' for our term. A Fire Engine will be visiting our school on Tuesday afternoon (for children in Reception and Nursey), and on Wednesday morning (for children in Y1 and Y2). Each class will have the chance to learn about the importance of this emergency service and how keeps us safe. (Please note that this is a real on-call fire engine and therefore may be needed in an emergency on this day).

## Superkids

Superkids afterschool club is becoming more and more popular and some days are either full to capacity or nearly full.

**We are currently full every Thursday for the foreseeable future.** Any future bookings requested for a Thursday will need to go on our waiting list. We will contact you if any places become available. It is advisable to get any requests that you know you need in as early as possible to avoid any disappointment.

Please ensure that any bookings you have made but no longer require are cancelled in advance, no later than 10am on the morning of your booking, so that we are able to offer the place to another child.

There is now a new email address you will need to use in order to book into Breakfast Club and After School Club. Please email [superkids@halfway-inf.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:superkids@halfway-inf.sheffield.sch.uk).

## Nursery

From Monday 31st October, arrangements for dropping children off at nursery in the morning will change.

From that date, please bring your child up to the nursery door where staff will be waiting at 8.30am to take the children into nursery. If you arrive early, please wait on the walkway or under the shelter. You will not need to press the buzzer as staff will come to the door at 8.30am. All other drop off and pick up arrangements will remain the same as before.

## **COVID-19 – Reminders**

### **Can I access the school site if I have tested positive for COVID-19?**

We kindly ask that anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 does not come onto school site, so that we avoid the spreading of the virus to other pupils, families and staff. Should this pose difficulties for you with dropping off and collecting your child from school, then please contact the school office.

The guidance below is taken from the government's website and can be found in full at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/people-with-symptoms-of-a-respiratory-infection-including-covid-19>

**When children and young people with symptoms should stay at home and when they can return to education** - Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should, where they can, stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

All children and young people with respiratory symptoms should be encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing and/or sneezing and to wash their hands after using or disposing of tissues.

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should, if they can, try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults. Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

### **NHS website updates**

The NHS website has also been updated to reflect common COVID-19 symptoms and advice on what to do if your child is unwell. The link can be found at [https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/?utm\\_source=07%20April%202022%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=DfE%20C19](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/?utm_source=07%20April%202022%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19).